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Attachments: Bad River.pdf

Mr. Colletti

I reside in Iron County, Wisconsin. I have read the newspaper articles and the attached EPA compliance Plan.

I'm appalled that the EPA has not been more aggressive in ensuring that the NPDES limits from the "Tribe's" facilities are met. To allow limits to be exceeded 42 times without aggressive action from the EPA is unwarranted. The schedule for compliance by January 31,2014 is appropriate, however the EPA Needs to take aggressive actions if this schedule and ultimate compliance isn't met. Have fines been issued for non-compliance in the past?...will they be issued in the future?

What really bothers me is that I have been attending hearings regarding a proposed Iron Mine in Iron & Ashland Counties. Mr. Wiggins and other tribal members have continuously spoke out at the meetings against the mine and their concern that mining activities will pollute the Bad River, Lake Superior, and harm their native Wild Rice gathering. How can this organization speak of pollution concerns from others, when they cannot implement appropriate controls on their own activities. Wisconsin DNR and the EPA should enforce strongly the NPDES requirements, because that is exactly what the "Tribe" expects of others.

Thank You

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PS- I wish I could be in attendance at the meeting but I have a prior commitment. If possible, could someone read my comments at the meeting.